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1. REFERENCES A AND B APPARENTLY CROSSED, BUT WE HAVE INFORMED UK REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO LANDYMORE JULY 27 THAT WASHINGTON HAS ASKED AMEMBASSY OSLO TO APPROACH NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF JOHAN DAHL TO CHAIR COMMISSION II.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO REF B, LANDYMORE INFORMED US THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON TO CIRCULARIZE OTHER WEO GOVERNMENTS TO URGE REPRESENTATIONS IN OSLO EARLIEST, WHICH LANDYMORE HAD ALREADY UNDERTAKEN. COMPLETE ROUND-UP ON REPRESENTATIONS THUS FAR IS AS FOLLOWS: AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION AT LOWER LEVEL AND WITH MORE NEGATIVE RESPONSE WAS MADE JULY 25. SWISS HAD MADE REPRESENTATION SLIGHTLY EARLIER, AT LEVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOWER THAN SECRETARY GENERAL KRISTIANSEN, WITH LESS NEGATIVE RESPONSE THAN AUSTRALIA RECEIVED. AS REPORTED REF B, SWEDEN PLANS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS. OTHERS WHO ARE SO RECOMMENDING TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN OSLO ARE BELGIUM, GERMANY, AND ITALY, AND POSSIBLY IRELAND. CANADA REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS IT IS A EUROPEAN ISSUE, BUT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HERE LIKE

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES THAT ISSUE IS OF CONCERN TO ALL WEO COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD COME FROM EUROPE THIS TIME.

3. WE WOULD URGE THAT EMBASSY OSLO'S FIRST REPRESENTATIONS FOCUS PURELY ON AVAILABILITY OF DAHL AND HIS PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS, AND NOT GO INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING AN ALTERNATE. TO TALK OF AN ALTERNATE AT THIS POINT WOULD PROBABLY UNDER-CUT THE CAMPAIGN FOR DAHL. AS REPORTED PARA 1 REF B, KRISTIANSEN TOLD UK THEY HAD NOT REALIZED DAHL'S WITHDRAWAL MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS AND IS NOT SIMPLE PROCEDURAL MATTER. TO TALK NOW OF AN ALTERNATE, MIGHT AGAIN LEAD THEM TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS SIMPLY A PROCEDURAL MATTER OF FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE MAN. AS FOR QUESTION OF EARLIER NORWEGIAN APPROVAL OF DAHL'S NOMINATION, RAISED IN FIRST SENTENCE REF A, APPROVAL WAS OBTAINED BY NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE HERE TO SUBMIT HIS NAME, BUT THIS APPROVAL WAS GIVEN DURING THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND KRISTIANSEN. FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY IS NOW TAKING POSITION THAT NORWAY'S FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH ITS SMALL STAFF, CANNOT AFFORD TO RELEASE KEY PEOPLE FOR SUCH CONFERENCE POSITIONS.

4. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT FOR KURT VARD AHL,
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NORWEGIAN DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, UK AND US REPRESENTATIVES HERE DO NOT CONSIDER HIM A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR DAHL IN THIS PARTICULAR JOB. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR FISHERIES WATZINGER (NORWEGIAN) HAS ADDED NEW ITEM TO FAO CONFERENCE AGENDA ON IMPLICATIONS OF LAW OF SEA DECISIONS, TO AUGMENT AND UNIFY CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS OF FISHERIES ISSUES. COMMISSION II, HOWEVER, WILL BE DEALING WITH OTHER TRICKY PROBLEMS OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET, INCLUDING THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM, FAO RELATIONS WITH UNDP, AND POST HARVEST LOSSES. DAHL HAS A PARTICULAR BACKGROUND IN THIS FIELD, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE VARD AHL WOULD BE A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM IN THESE MATTERS. IT IS POSSIBLY TRUE THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO CHANGE FROM ONE NORWEGIAN TO ANOTHER (ALTHOUGH CONTRARY TO REF A WE DID NOT SAY SO IN REF D), BUT IT IS PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CHAIRMAN HIGHLY QUALIFIED ON THE CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, EVEN IF IT ENTAILS SOME CONTROVERSY. THE BEST SOLUTION, OF COURSE, IS TO PERSUADE THE NORWEGIANS THAT DAHL IS PRACTICALLY INDISPENSABLE AND SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. HOLMES

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